

Bridging the Gap

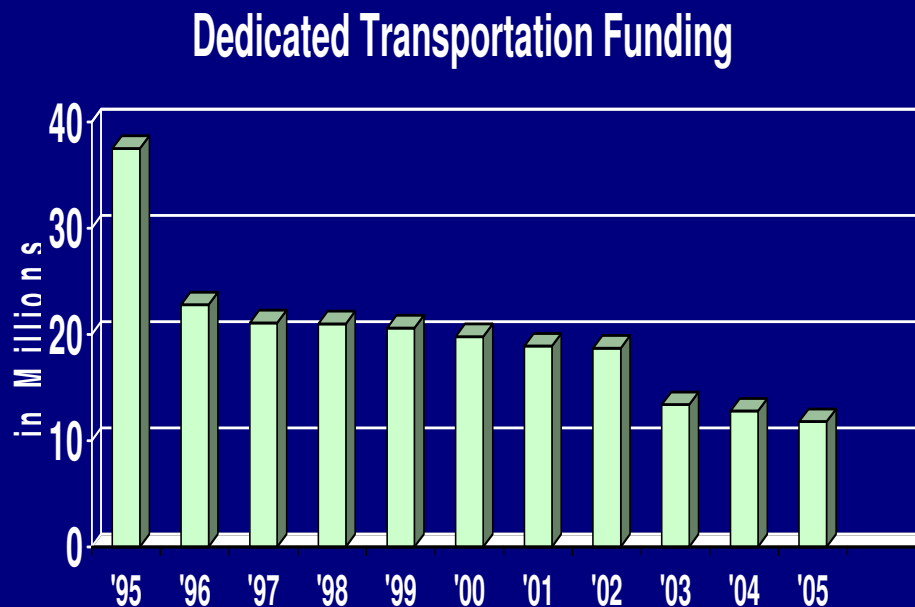
*Building a
foundation that lasts*

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Seattle's Transportation Challenge

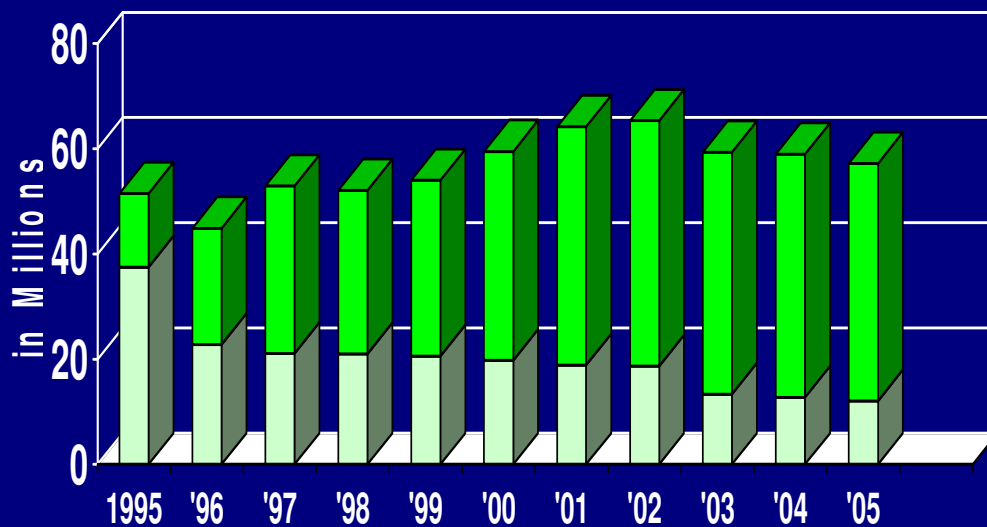


- **35 years of underfunding and deferred maintenance**
- **Dedicated revenue decrease of 66 % last 10 years:**
 - 1995: Loss of the Street Utility
 - 2003: Loss of the Vehicle License Fee
 - + Fuel tax revenues haven't kept pace with inflation, annexations and incorporations



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Addition of City General Revenues



Mayor and Council have more than tripled the general fund contributions to transportation



Mayor's Proposal

- Pave streets
- Repair/seismic upgrades to bridges
- Increase pedestrian and bike safety
- Build transit and freight corridors



Program Outcome:

**Eliminate the
maintenance
backlog in:

roads, bridges,
sidewalks, bike
trails, structures
and signals**



Addressing the Most Critical Needs First

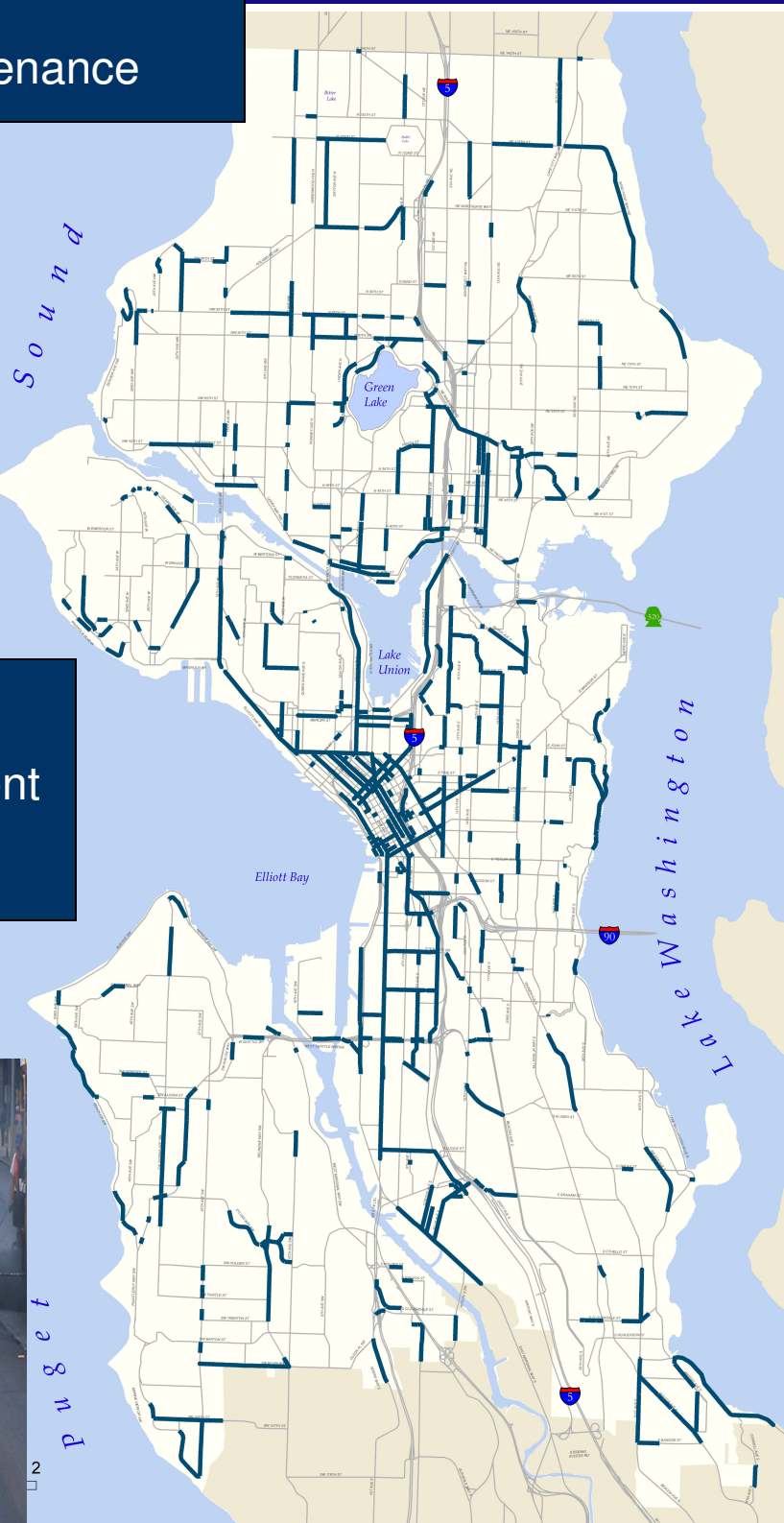
- \$19.0 million for Street Paving and Repair
- \$13.5 million for Bridges and Structures
- \$6.0 million for Signs, Signals and Safety
- \$2.5 million for Sidewalks, Trails and Stairways
- \$5.7 million for Pedestrian, Bike and Safety
- \$13.9 million for Transit, Freight and Pedestrian Corridors
- \$2.0 million for Trees and Landscaping
- \$1.9 million for Neighborhood Services

Total: \$64.5 million in the first full year of implementation



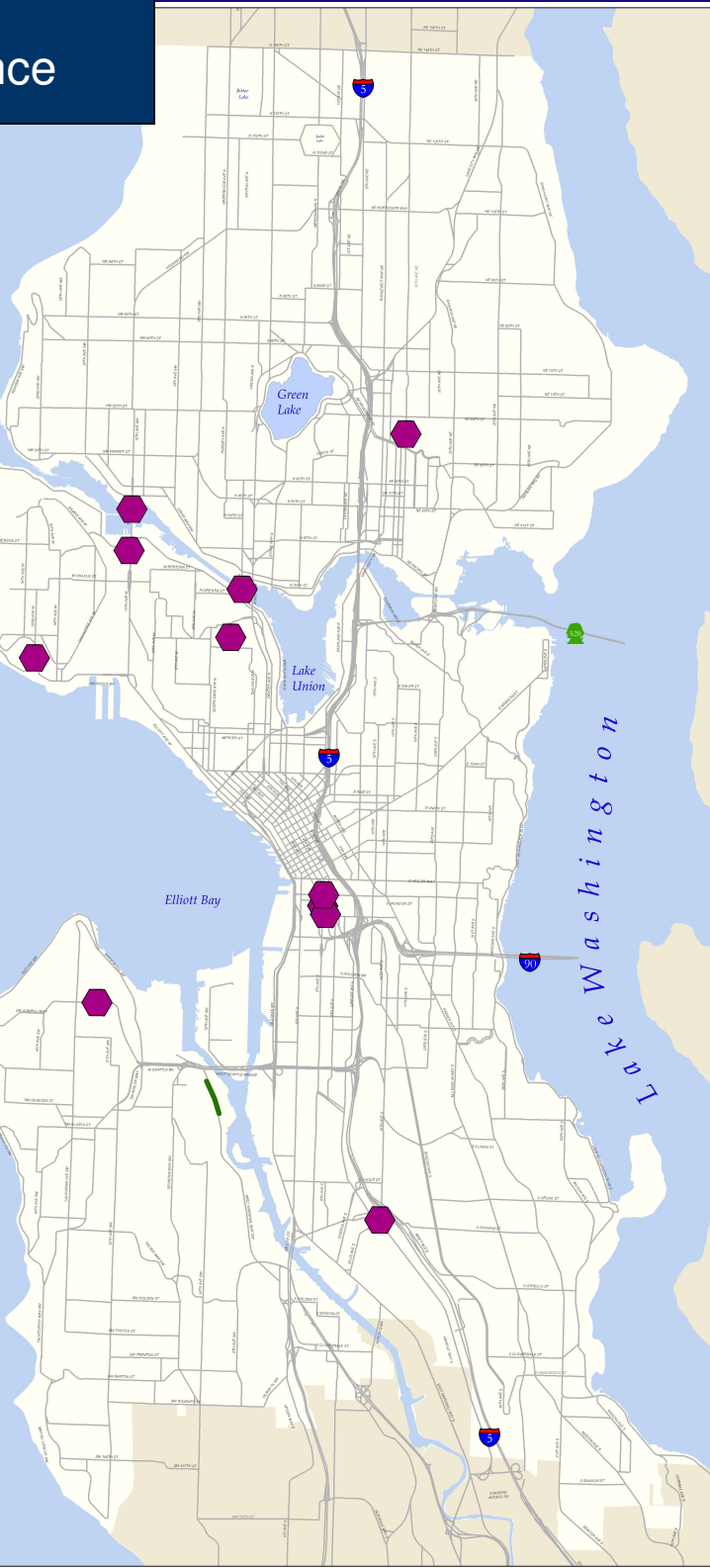
Street Maintenance

Major Streets Needing Pavement Improvements



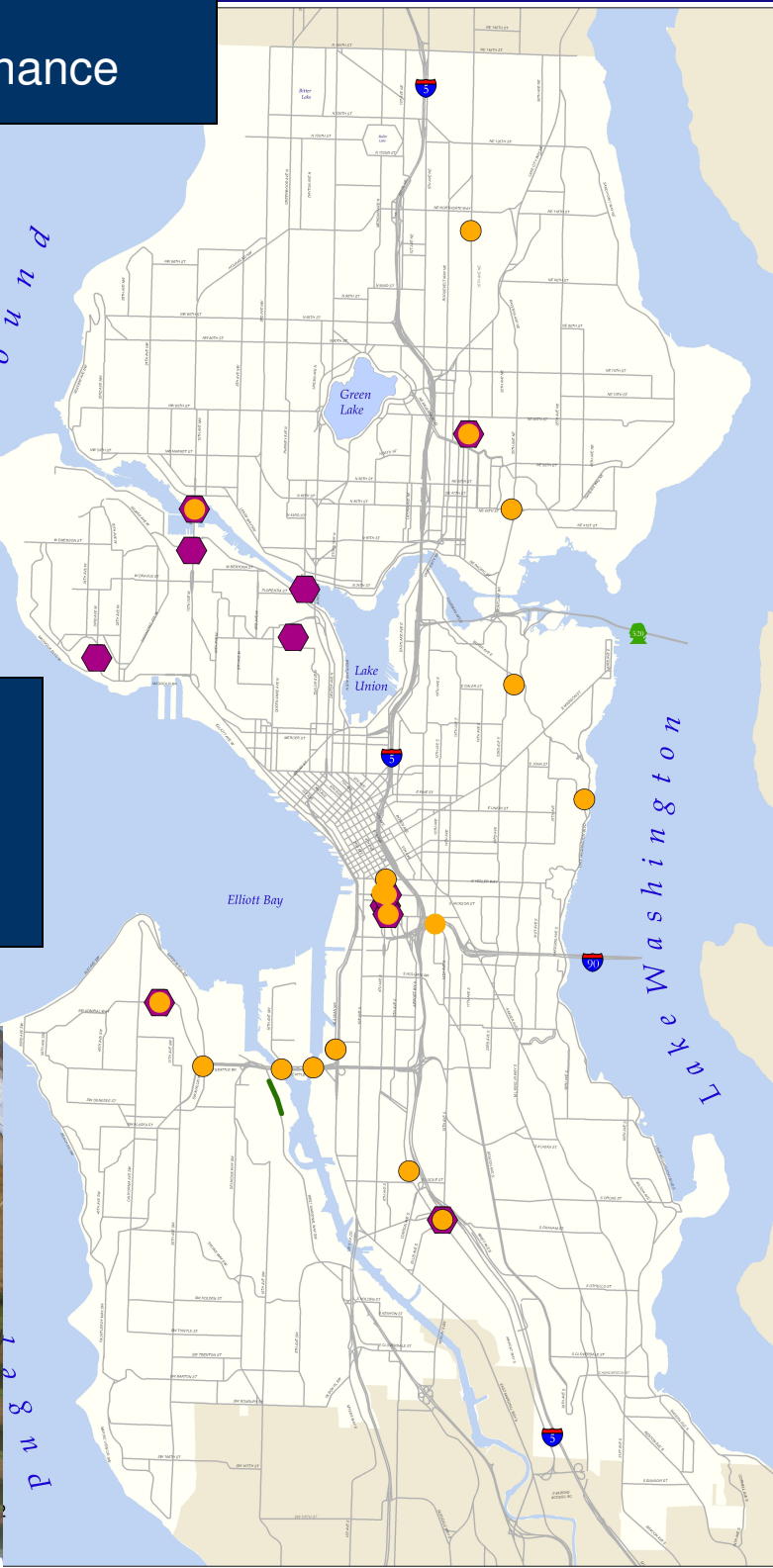
Bridge Maintenance

Seismic Upgrades to Vulnerable Bridges



Bridge Maintenance

Rehabilitation of Deteriorating Bridges



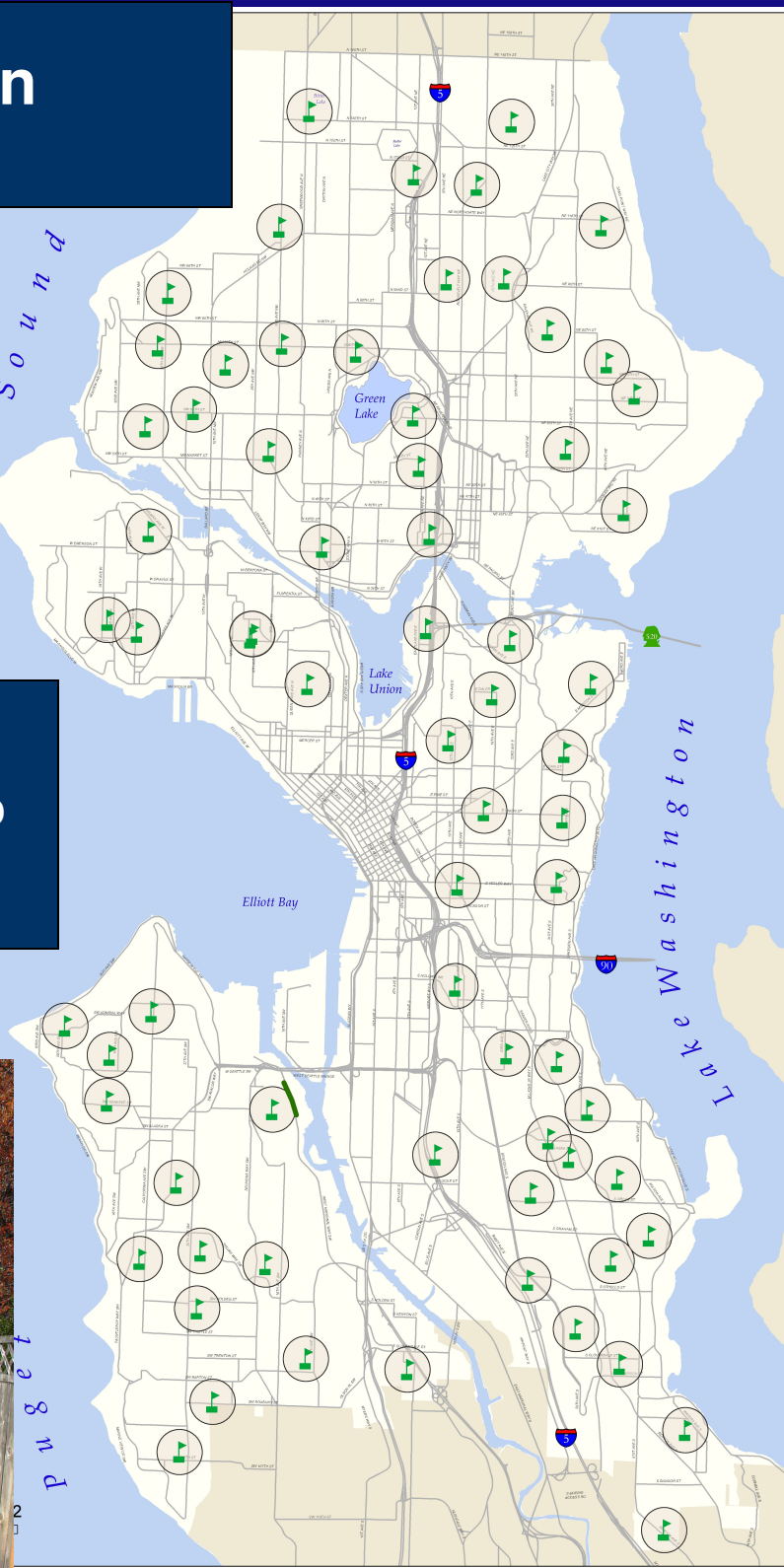
Signs, Signals and Pedestrian Safety

- Repaint all crosswalks
- Replace 17,000 street signs
- Upgrade traffic signs
- Fix guardrails and crash cushions

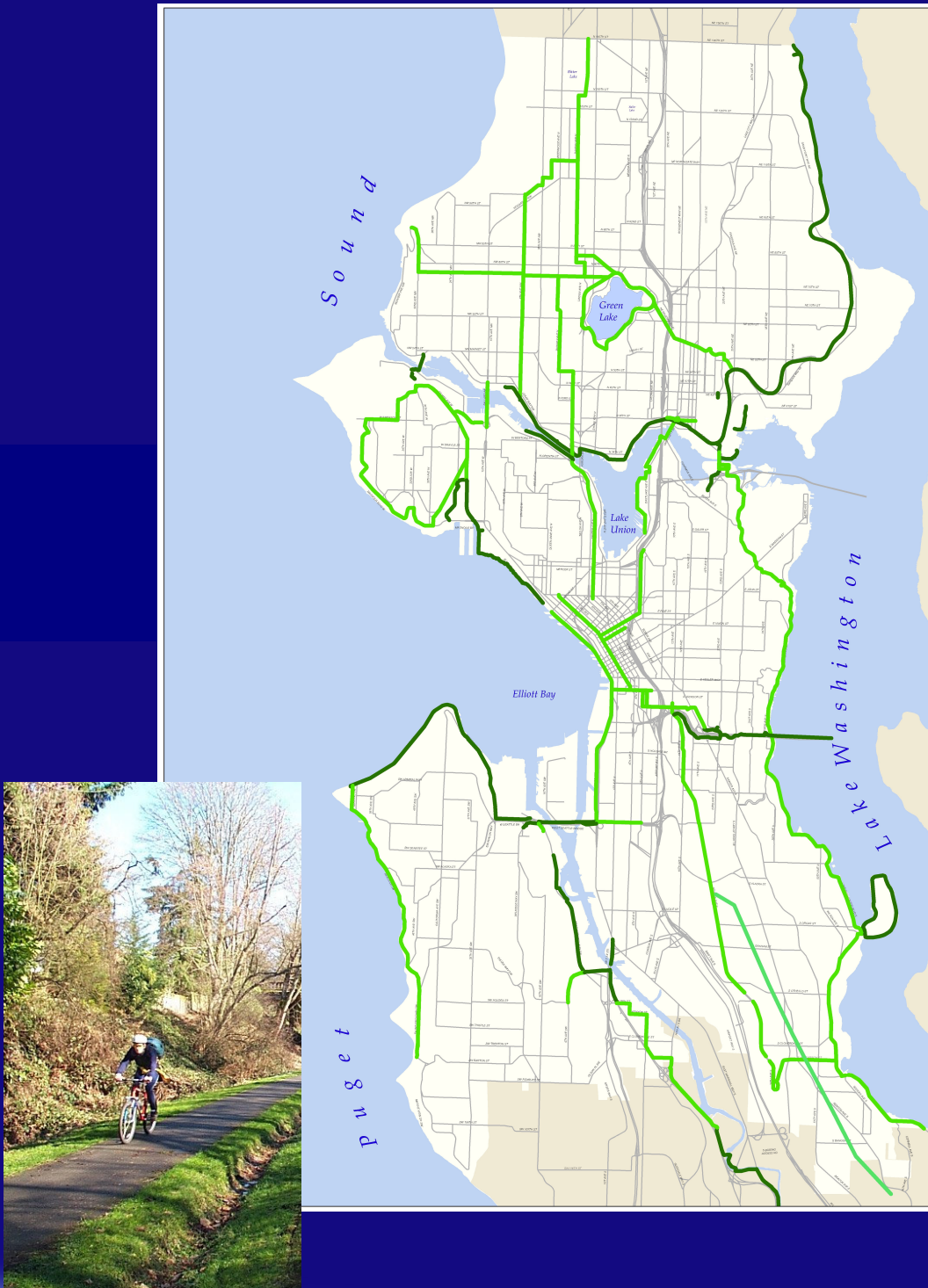


Pedestrian Safety

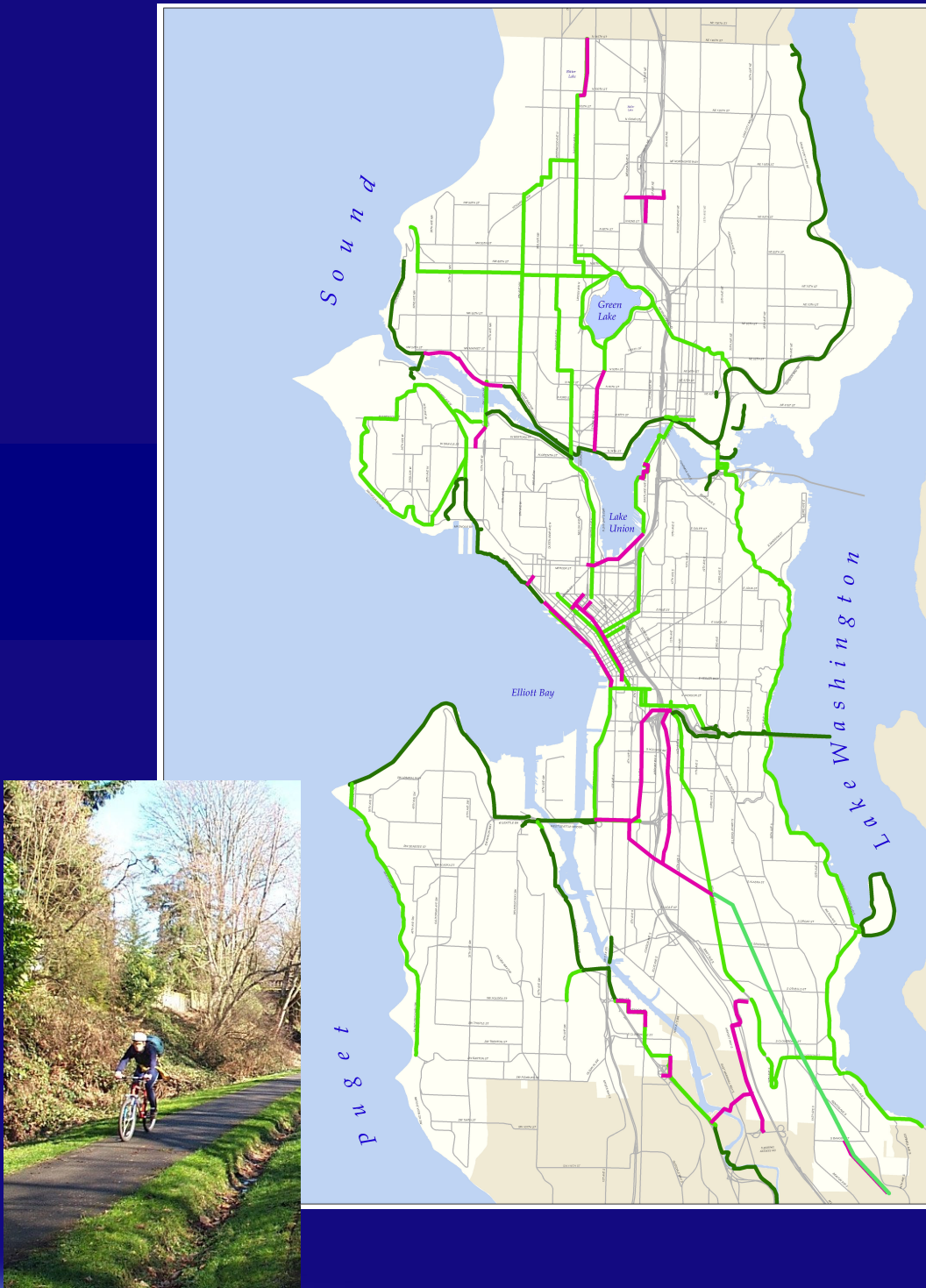
Safe Sidewalks and Crosswalks to Schools



Existing Bike Network



New Bike Connections



Transit and Freight Projects

Improving Speed and Reliability



King Street Station Rehabilitation



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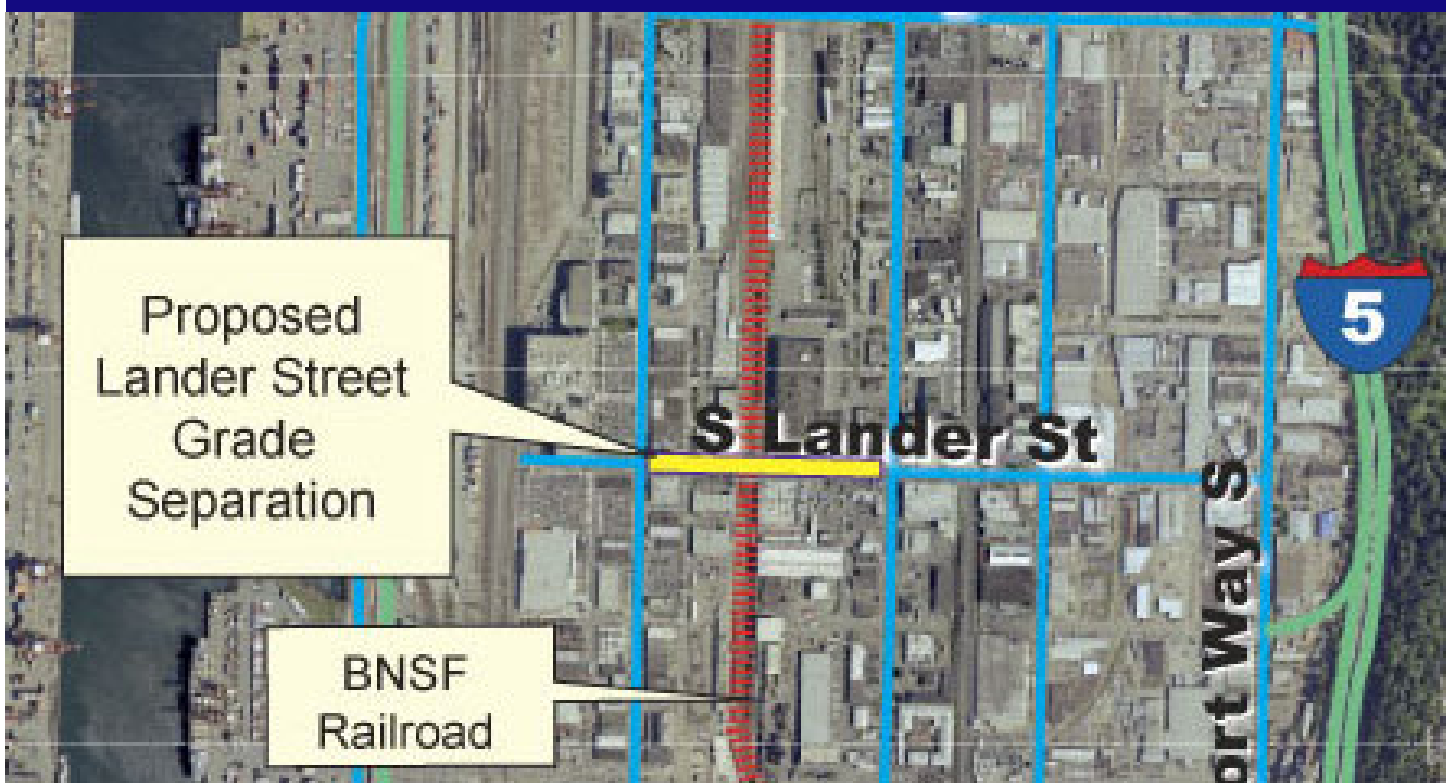


Spokane Viaduct Widening and Transit Lane



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Lander Street Overpass for Freight and Transit



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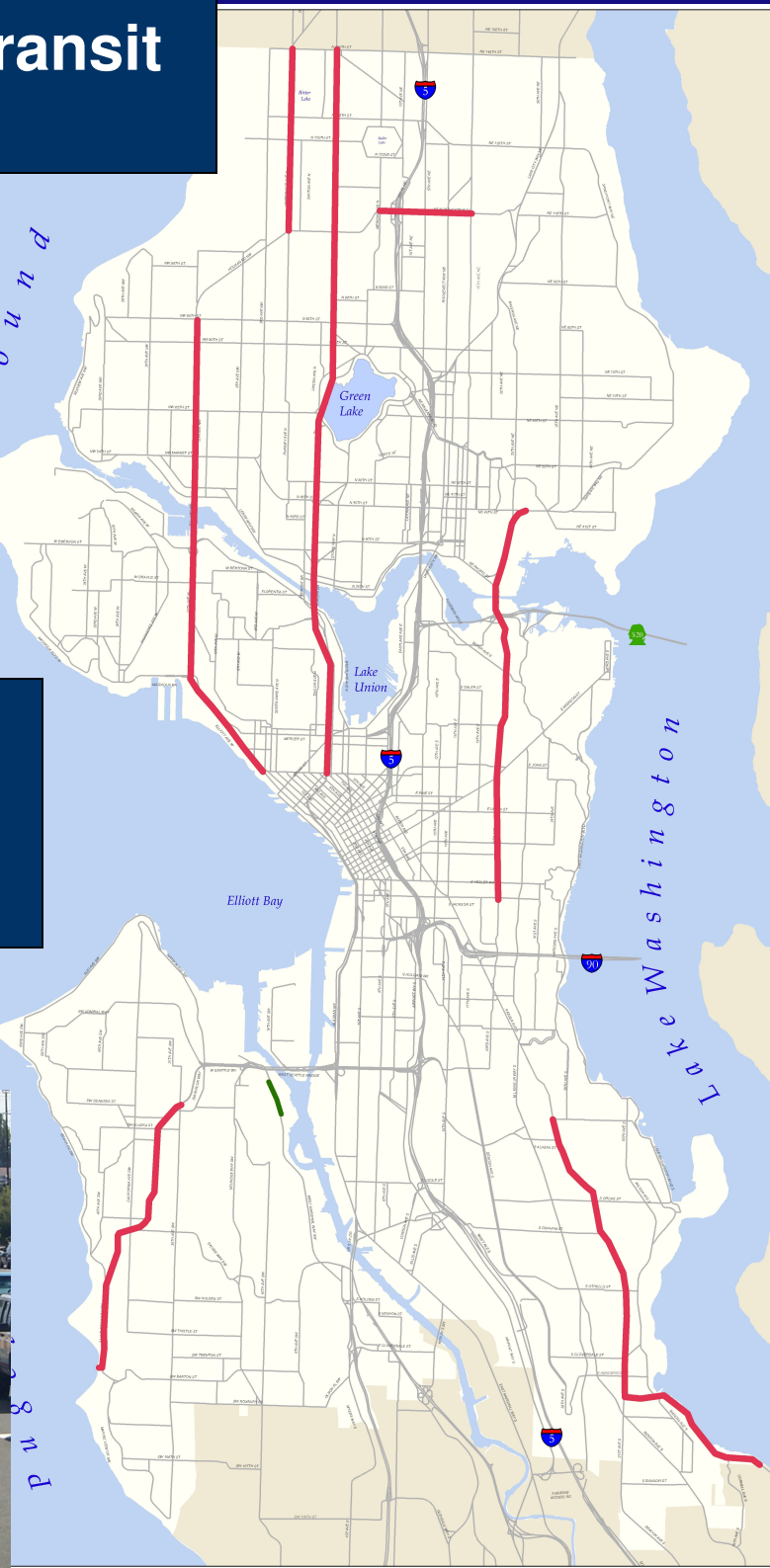
Improving Speed and Reliability

Clean up the Mercer Mess



Building Transit Corridors

Improving Speed
and Reliability



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Trees and Landscaping



- 2,000 new trees a year
- Improves 50 percent of City landscaping that is fair/poor to good condition
- Cuts the pruning cycle by a third



Bridging the Gap

Package generates \$65 million in its first full year:

- **20-year program funded by a levy lid lift: \$46 million**
 - *Early years: levy grows at rate of construction inflation (capped at 5% annually)*
- **10% commercial-parking tax: \$13 million**
 - *Green Ribbon Commission recommended*
- **\$25 per FTE Business Transportation tax: \$5.5 million**
 - *Employers receive exemption for transit-pass-subsidized FTEs*



Levy Lid Lift Details

- **Owner of a median-valued Seattle home pays \$195 during first year**
- **About 75% of levy money dedicated to reducing maintenance backlog**
- **Mayor appointed, Council approved, Levy Oversight Committee ensures accountability**

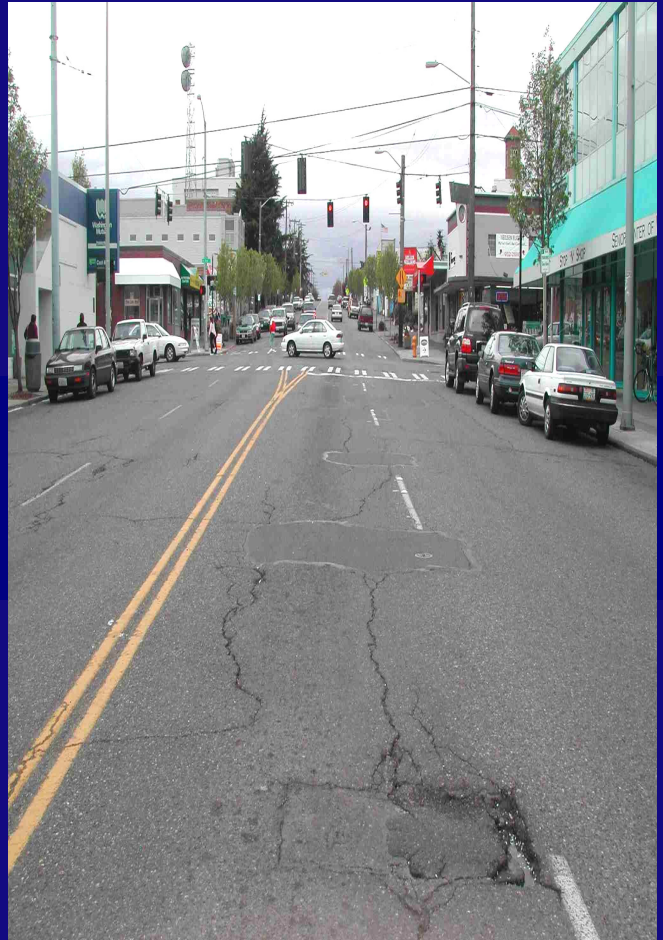


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Why We Need To Act Now



\$650,000 to 1.65M / lane-mile



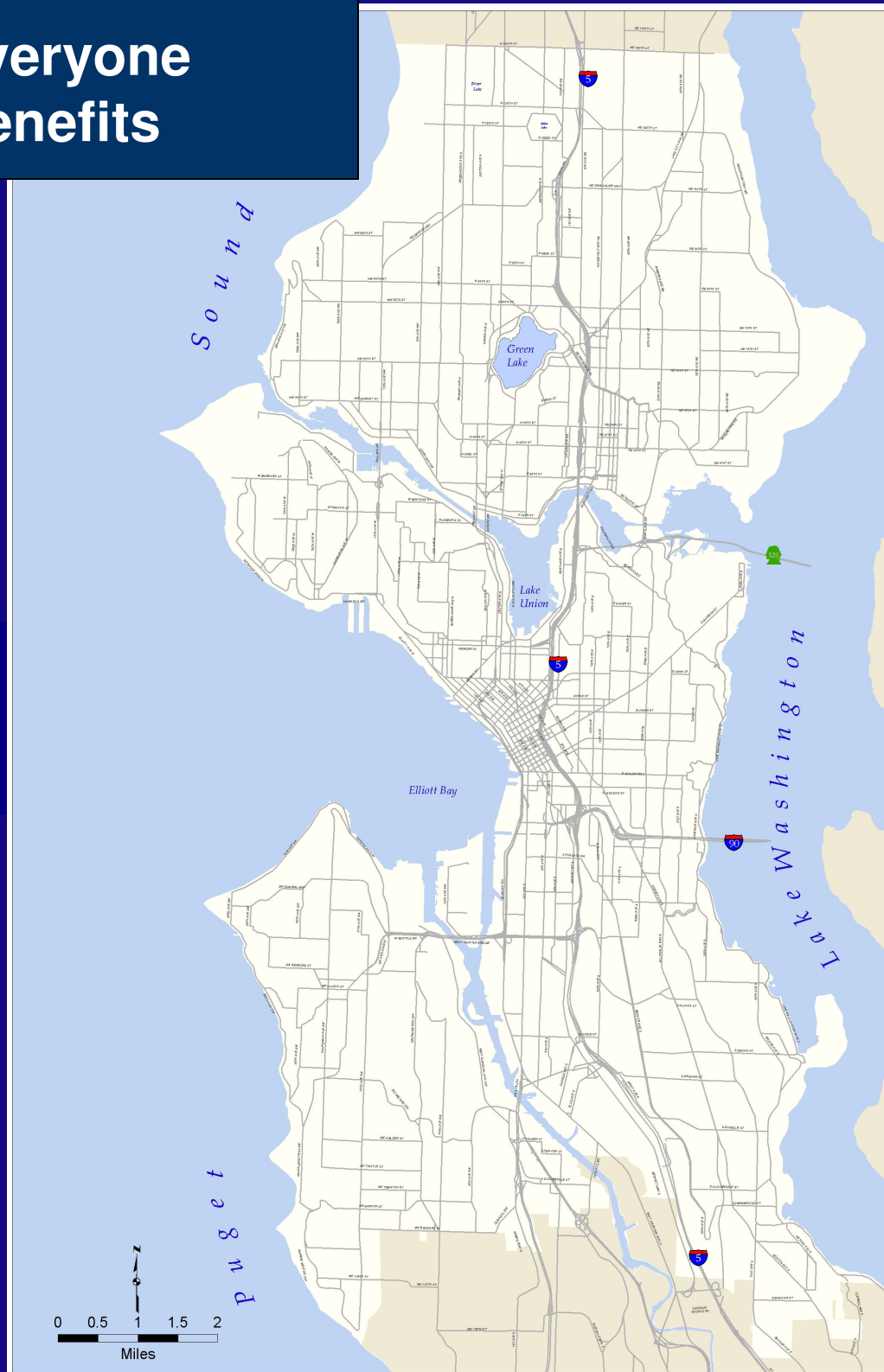
\$215,000 to \$275,000 / lane-mile

It's more cost effective



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Everyone Benefits



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